

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 172

By Dennis

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coaches David and Jennifer Channell and the Hardin County High School girls bowling team on capturing the 2009 TSSAA Division I State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Coaches David and Jennifer Channell, the Hardin County High School (HCHS) girls bowling team fought their way through an extraordinary season to claim the title of 2009 TSSAA Division I State Champions; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the HCHS girls bowling program in 2002, the Lady Tigers have ended every one of their seasons with a trip to the state tournament, and this year's championship is the second in three years for the program; and

WHEREAS, on their way to claiming the title, the Lady Tigers vanquished three tough opponents: Knoxville Catholic, White Station, and Wilson Central; and

WHEREAS, in their 24-3 victory over Knoxville Catholic in the first round, Lady Tiger Michelle Demetres enjoyed the highest series of the game, rolling a 595; close on her heels, teammate Kelcey Montgomery rolled a series of 579, and had the highest individual game with 228, while Jessica Winchester had a total of 565; and

WHEREAS, in the semifinal round, HCHS defeated White Station 20.5-6.5 and not only averaged an amazing 204 as a team but also broke the record for pinfall in a semifinal with a team total of 3,507; Lady Tiger Jerrica Stricklin rolled a record-setting series of 725, and, during the game's second match, she managed an astonishing ten strikes in a row; and

WHEREAS, the final round found HCHS competing against Wilson Central, a staunch rival since the Lady Tigers won their first state championship against them in 2007; in the course of their 15.5-11.5 victory, the Lady Tigers set the record for total pinfall in a final round with 3,448; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her particularly impressive performance during the first round, Miss Montgomery set a state record by knocking down a tournament total of 1,837 pins; and

WHEREAS, Junior Kim Qualls was named female Bowler of the Year, an honor that was bestowed on another Lady Tiger, Megan Alcott, just last year; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, talent, work ethic, and spirit of camaraderie displayed by this group of young women not only made their championship title possible, but also surely point toward continued success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the HCHS Lady Tigers have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both in their sport and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coaches David and Jennifer Channell and the Hardin County High School Lady Tiger bowling team on capturing the 2009 TSSAA Division I State Championship, and wish them every success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.